

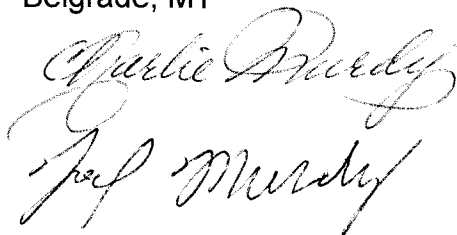
Montana State Legislature
House Human Services Committee
Hearing on SB 423
4/6/2011

If HB 161 is not passed, we Support SB 423. For regulating marijuana, this bill has been the best. It addresses many issues. It still makes therapeutic marijuana available for those who truly need it. It greatly reduces the rampant abuse we have seen the last few years in our communities and schools. However, the following areas still need to be addressed:

1. Establish protocol for the destroying and disposal of sub-standard, over produced, or out dated product, and subsequent reporting of these actions.
2. We cannot stress enough that the required age of a personal production associate and courier should be raised to 21. We have an established drinking age of 21, the same protocol should apply here.
3. Fines for persons mis-representing themselves should be higher, \$1000 minimum, not \$500.
4. Section 44 on telemedicine. There should be no telemedicine. We have already seen a lot of problems with this. Patients need to be seen physically by a Physician.
5. There should be no out of state Physicians involved.
6. Section 46, sealing of youth court records. I understand the intent of sealing the youth court records to give the individual a new start, so to speak. However, a history of drug abuse and crime is very relevant information to the body issuing the therapeutic marijuana card.

Respectfully,

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Dear Mr. Howard

With the recent deadlock on HB161 it is apparent to all that bills that will regulate and control the medical marijuana industry must be acted on. To let the statusquo continue is simply unacceptable. The recent federal search and seizures are evidence of this. HB68 may have the best chance of regulating this industry. The following is a list of of additons and changes to HB68 for your consideration.

1. Raise the required age of a caregiver to 21.
2. Establilsh a training program for caregivers and physicians, that trains on proper dispensing and recommending of medical marijuana. Current science should be used in constructing this program. It should have a section on recognizing signs of addiction.
3. Require all caregivers to acceptably complete formal training for dispensing marijuana. And take annual refreshers courses to keep up with the latest science.
4. Require Physicians to complete formal training on recommending medical marijuana. And take annual refresher courses to keep up with the latest science.
5. Establish standards of production for marijuana to be tested to. And require growers to test to those standards at set intervals using an independent acredited testing facility.
6. Require any edible or applied products to be made only with marijuana from a licensed Montana grower. And produce these products to the same statutes and standard as any other edible or applied product, ie. Cookies, lotions etc.
7. Restrict and control the transfer of product.
8. Freeze the issuing of medical marijuana cards, caregiver licenses, grower licenses, etc. until the new law is in place with all of the associated protocol and infrastructure.
9. Once the protocol and infrastructure are in place. Caregivers, growers, and patients would be required to meet all the requirements of the new law when renewing expired licenses and cards. There should be **NO** grandfathering in of exisiting businesses.
10. Limit the number of growers that can operate in the state and license them to grow **ONLY** what's needed to meet demand.
11. Prohibit any transfer of medical marijuana or marijuana infused products in or out of state.
12. Establish protocol for the destroying and disposal of sub-standard, over produced, or out dated product.
13. Establish transparent comprehensive record keeping for all aspects of the industry to include: production, sales, transfers, disposal, patients, and dollars. All financial records should be kept according to accepted accounting principles. There should audits and penalties for non-compliance.
14. Require the industry to bare all the cost of regulating, controlling, and monitoring the industry through license and card fees. There should be no additional costs to the taxpayers.
15. There should be **NO** additional taxes on the industry other than regular business taxes.

Thank you for considering these ideas. Thank you for all your hard work.

Sincerely,

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